

Table 1.1. **Chinese Imperial Dynasties and Capital Cities**

Dates	Dynasty	Capital
221–206 BC	Ch'in	Hsien-yang
206BC – 8AD, 23–220AD	early Han, and later Han	Ch'ang-an/Loyang
220–589 Empire disintegrated		
589–617	Sui	Ch'ang-an
618–906	T'ang	Ch'ang-an
906–960 Empire disintegrated		
960–1127	Sung	K'ai-feng
1127–1234	Jurchen (Chin) in North	Peking
1234–1279	Mongol (Yüan) in North	Karakorum
1127–1279	Southern Sung	Hangchow
1279–1368	Yüan (Mongol)	Peking
1368–1644	Ming	Nanking/Peking
1644–1911	Ch'ing (Manchu)	Peking

Source: Reischauer and Fairbank (1958), Hucker (1985), and *Cambridge History of China*.